

(b) whether post offices have been provided in all the Gram Panchayats in the tribal areas; and

(c) if not, by when these are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all the panchayat villages including tribal and backward areas of the country progressively by 31st March, 1995, subject to availability of resources.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The post offices in rural areas including tribal areas are opened subject to satisfaction of income, population and distance norms prescribed for the purpose. Relaxed income and population norms are, however, applicable in the case of tribal areas which are minimum anticipated 15% income of the cost and 500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages are against an income of 33 1/3% of cost and 3000 population in a group of villages prescribed for normal rural areas respectively. Expansion of postal network is a continuing process and efforts are made to cover as many such areas as possible subject to satisfaction of prescribed norms and availability of funds.

#### **Reconstitution of Programme Advisory Committee**

4012. PROF. MALINI BATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether reconstitution of Programme Advisory Committee for All India Radio is being considered;

(b) whether the State Governments are supposed to nominate some of the members on the Committee;

(c) the scope, objective, terms of reference and powers of the Committee; only

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Programme Advisory Committee have been re-constituted at most of the All India Radio stations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Programme Advisory Committees are constituted for a period of 2 years. The basic purpose of these Committees is to make suggestions for the improvement of programmes, and advice on such other matters concerning the planning and presentation of programmes of the station as are referred to the committee.

#### **Technical facilities at kozhikode Airport**

4013. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the establishment of the required technical facilities for operation of the Air bus aircraft at Kozhikode Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air bus A-320 aircraft are already operating to/from the airport at Kozhikode/Calicut. A feasibility study has been carried out by the National Airports Authority of extension of the runway. The study revealed

that the extension is highly cost and time intensive. The National Airports Authority is therefore not in a position to take up such a project for implementation.

### **Car Telephones in Country**

4014. DR. KARTIKESWARPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Car Telephones installed in the country State-wise and number of persons waitlisted as on January 31, 1992;

(b) the steps taken to exhaust the waiting list and the enforce economy measures by cutting a percentage of such car telephones being used by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, Car Telephone facility is available in Delhi only. The position of Car Telephones in Delhi as on 31.1.92 is as given below:

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(i) Working connections - 237

(ii) Waiting list - 147

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(b) and (c). There is a proposal to introduce Cellular Mobile Telephone system in four metro cities i.e. Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras. Tenders have been invited for the same.

As economy measures, out of 12 departmental connections, 8 numbers have been surrendered as on 25.10.91. only 4 car phone are working with the officials of the M.T.N.L. Delhi.

### **power Generation During 8th Plan**

4016. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for power generation during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the schemes under consideration of the Government for achieving the target;

(c) the amount provided for the implementation of these schemes; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (d). The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

[Translation]

### **Water Reservoir in Yamuna River**

4017. SHRIPANKAJ CHOWDHRY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to absence of a water reservoir in the basin of river Yamuna, the water flows directly in the monsoon season;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to construct a water reservoir in the basin of river Yamuna;

(c) if so, by when and the total expenditure is likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?